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Photo by Mark Arike

Joe and Allison Cox with their seven-month-old twins Aliyah, left, and Everly. The family was one of many at Curry Motors first-ever Easter Egg Hunt on April 5. See page 19 for photos and story.

McKechnie to coach Haliburton Junior A team

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Even more hockey talent will be coming to Haliburton when the town gets its very own Junior A level hockey team this summer.

"We are very excited to come here," said Stephane Laveault, director of operations and owner of the Haliburton Wolves, during

an announcement at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on April 2.

"We like the area, we like small towns."

A minor hockey coach for 20 years and businessman, Laveault said he began eyeing Haliburton a year ago as a possible location to form a team.

"We came up with a list of about 10 towns," he explained. "Everything lined up perfectly

this summer, and we started making calls to a couple of towns."

Laveault pointed out that Ray Miscio, the municipality's director of parks and recreation, was first to respond to his inquiry.

"We came down right away and visited the rink, and fell in love with the place," he recalled.

The team will be part of the Greater Metro

Junior A Hockey League (GMHL). Founded in 2006, the vision for the league was "to improve the current standard of player development at the Junior A level in the world's greatest junior hockey regions."

Laveault said 28 players between the ages of 16 and 21 will be recruited for the team in the coming weeks. On April 8, Laveault

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Firefighters battled a blaze at this home for four hours on April 6. No one was hurt in the fire.

Fire in Highlands East

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

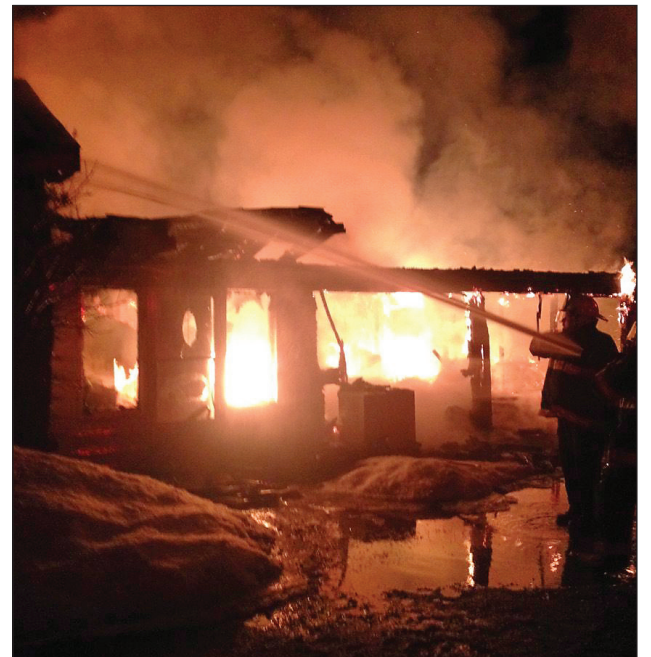
Highlands East Fire Department acting chief Chris Baughman credits working smoke alarms for saving the lives of an elderly couple and their family pet.

On April 6, shortly after 10 p.m., the fire department was called to 1017 Clement Lake Road for a structure fire. When firefighters arrived on scene, the attached garage was fully engulfed and both residents were outside of the building.

The insurance investigator said the cause of the fire was an electrical conductor (wire) failure in the garage. The fire department was able to save the main structure of the house, although the garage was lost.

Firefighters from Highlands East Station 4 in Wilberforce, Station 3 in Gooderham, and Station 6 on Highway 28 attended the fire. Firefighters remained on scene for approximately four hours.

There were no injuries.



OPP in brief

Break and enter charges laid

Charges have been laid in a December break and enter at Easton's Valu Mart in Minden.

On Dec. 30, Lindsay man Kenneth Farquhar, 30, is alleged to have broken into and attempted to steal from the store. On the same day, he is alleged to have stolen a motor vehicle from a Minden Hills residence.

Farquhar has been charged with break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence, unlawfully being in a dwelling, theft of a motor vehicle, trespassing at night, theft under \$5,000, and two counts of failing to comply with probation orders.

He is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 3.

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AH reserves soften tax hike

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

With county and education tax rates now established, Algonquin Highlands council has set its final 2015 budget with a levy of \$4,105,501.

The levy represents taxable growth of \$45,785 (1.19 per cent), new OPP billing model costs of \$168,113 (4.37 per cent) and an operational increase of \$44,154 (1.15 per cent).

This translates into residential taxes of \$644.25 on every \$100,000, an increase of \$7.04 per \$100,000 over 2014.

At the outset of budget discussions in the fall, Reeve Carol Moffatt said councillors had “preliminarily, philosophically agreed” that the OPP billing increase would not cause them to “sacrifice the growth of the community.”

As a result, the final budget includes the use of reserves for several expenses. Two new medium-duty fire services rescue vehicles will be purchased – one each for the Dorset and Oxtongue Lake stations in accordance with the township’s Master Fire Plan – using \$170,000 from reserves.

Reserves will also be used to purchase public works equipment (\$104,000) and to fund the new Dorset public works garage

(approximately \$780,000) on Kawagama Lake Road and the Dorset landfill site’s transition into a waste transfer station (\$196,000).

The final budget includes significant road work on Boshkung Lake Road (estimated cost of \$210,000) and Russell Landing Road (\$34,000 estimate, including installation of guide posts).

The township will also convert all streetlights to LED under an Ontario Power Authority rebate, upgrade the entrance to the North Shore Road administration building with funding from the Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund, repair and upgrade several docks and landings with the support of a National Trails Coalition grant, and enhance the Elvin Johnson Park playground with support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

During final budget discussions in March, Moffatt said staff did well in preparing a final draft with even deeper cuts than council had requested, coming in with approximately \$32,000 in further reductions, or just under one per cent of the levy.

“I think we’ve come up with a good budget, even in the face of the [OPP] billing reform, and to be able at the end to pull back ... is just further evidence of our commitment to do the best we can.”

The bylaw authorizing the 2015 budget was passed at council’s April 2 regular meeting.

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AH in brief

Fletcher Lake to get 80-metre telecomm tower

Algonquin Highlands council has resolved to support the installation of an 80-metre, trellis-style, unlit telecommunications tower with guy wires at County Road 12 (Livingstone Lake Road) and Bear Lake Road near Fletcher Lake. Council determined Bell Mobility has met the township’s requirements for public consultation and the benefits of enhanced cell and Internet coverage outweigh concerns that the tower is not a smaller, less visible monopine style. Bell circulated notice to all Fletcher Lake property owners (not only those within 500 metres) and held a public meeting in June 2014. As a result the proposed tower was downsized from 106 metres and moved to the revised location to reduce the view of the tower from area cottages.

New playground equipment for AH park

Elvin Johnson Park in Dorset is closer to its new playground equipment installation with a final site now established between the beach and the existing swing set. Algonquin Highlands staff are working to identify accessible and inclusive equipment that will meet requirements for approved funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation while addressing the remaining play space

needs of children ages two to 12. Under consideration are an overhead climber, totters and spinners and an accessible swing. The township will review proposals and quotations for equipment at its April 16 regular meeting. The targeted date for completion of the work is mid-June. The playground upgrade is part of a larger park enhancement project.

Dorset tower inspection to cost more than \$10K

With its 50th birthday approaching, the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower will receive a ground-up inspection this year by Tulloch Engineering of Huntsville at a cost of \$10,570 before tax.

Algonquin Highlands council has selected Tulloch from among four bidders whose quotes ranged from \$2,525 to \$18,200 before tax. Staff reported the two lowest bidders planned to build on and/or rely on already existing information for this periodic review and use telescopes to view some components of the 30-metre-high metal tower. Tulloch and the highest bidder indicated they would view the work as an initial inspection, closely inspecting structural elements and having electrical professionals review the tower’s electrical and grounding components. Located off Highway 35 just north of Dorset, the tower was built in 1967 and became township property in 1997. More than 60,000 vehicles pass through the gates annually. The tower is billed on the township website as a “use at own risk” attraction.

Editorial opinion

Better late than never

Last week's economic development meeting in Dysart is a step in the right direction for the municipality. It's just unfortunate we're starting from so far behind.

In his address to the room – a gathering of interested community members – Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey talked about the importance of customer service, among other issues. He said the area's reputation is bad because our customer service "stinks".

The warden has a point, but the implications go much further. Improving our customer service isn't going to right the economic ship. Not by itself, anyway.

As long as tourism remains the main thrust of our economic plans, things aren't going to change for the better.

Yes, there are thousands of people each summer who come to visit. But all of those people eventually leave. With them go their dollars – money they often spend outside the county anyway, as food and other items are cheaper in the city or in box stores they find on the way.

This time of year truly highlights the problems vulnerability of a tourism-dependent economy. Every week there's a new business up for sale, or one that's closing – even long-time businesses like Haliburton's V&S aren't immune to the pinch. Those that do survive the winter look ahead to spring, yearning for the return of that most precious commodity – customers.

Throughout the summer, business owners claw for every dime they can make and sock them away like acorns, knowing that another winter is fast approaching. Like chipmunks, they need to get fat so they can survive the barren season to come.

Binge eating and crash dieting is not a healthy way to live, and it's not a healthy way to do business, either. Chipmunks live about three years. What this county needs is a sustainable economy that lasts year round. Tourism will always be a part of

that economy, but it cannot be its foundation.

Dysart is putting together a new economic development committee.

It will be their job to advise council and help create a development plan. This is a fantastic opportunity for real change, if the committee is listened to, and encouraged to think outside of the self-imposed tourism box that has kept the Highlands from any real growth for years now.

Committee members need to look around and take stock of what we have, and at what we do well – and no, culinary tourism is not one of those things. They must be ambitious, adventurous, and not be afraid to rock a few boats. That means cottagers cannot dictate the future course of Dysart's – and the county's – economy.

Last year's Armatec debacle is just one example of seasonal residents imposing their will on council. Year-round jobs were turned down because some waterfront owners' opinions – often uninformed or unconcerned with facts – were negative. That kind of situation can't be allowed to continue.

As creative and ambitious as this new committee could be, its ideas will always be subject to the vision of Dysart's councillors and their ability to get things done. If the reeve is serious about the success of the municipality's economy, he must lead his council by example and do more than listen. We need results.

In his speech at the annual Warden's Breakfast last week, Fearrey quoted Einstein when he said we can't solve problems by using the same thinking that created them.

He's absolutely right. The time for new ideas is now.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Blue wash

Call me crazy, but I like to watch government ads on television.

Money for apprenticeship programs, help for returning veterans, refunds for kids who play a sport or take ballet, tax breaks for hard-working Canadian families... and have you noticed that we no longer have generic Canadian families? All of them are now "hard-working"? I understand they have them in the US as well.

Anyway, as the ads scroll by on the screen, I eat up the messages. Perhaps it is the marketing guy in me, but I find them fascinating. The great thing is you don't have to wait long to see one. They seem to be on day and night repeating over and over again the story about one aspect or another of the great work our government is doing for us. I am riveted to the screen for a number of reasons.

In most cases the message being delivered is not aimed at me. I don't have children in ballet classes or a returning soldier in my family. But I know that the content of the message isn't always the message the government is trying to impart. The real message is: "We are doing something and we thought it would be a good idea to spend a bunch of your money to tell you about it."

Over the years, incumbent governments of all stripes have used public funds to polish their image attempting to create the conceit of being a "do something" group of people. But the Conservatives, the current party in power, seems most adroit in exploiting every opportunity to take my hard-earned money and turn it into messages that could be more effectively targeted by directly contacting the people who would benefit from the program.

I occasionally wonder if the fact that an election is in the offing might have something to do with the plethora of ads on the screen. My memory tells me we have seen this before, where, until the election is called, the air waves are chock-a-block with glowing tributes to the current government's fine work.

Something else that fascinates me is the colour pallet used in these government advertisements. Have you noticed the predominance of the blues in all the commercials? I need not explain, of course,

that blue is the team colour of the Conservatives. Every ad seems to have a blue cast or wash over it. The actors' wardrobes are in the blue range and many of the props are from the same arc of the colour spectrum.

Blue coveralls on the apprentices, blue cars, blue sweaters on the hard-working Canadian families out for a walk with their not-quite-blue dog; if it wasn't so blatantly obvious you could call it subliminal advertising. No, someone in the upper reaches of the party, the person responsible for image management, has decreed that blue is the new colour of Canada and it should be integrated into as many government-funded spaces as possible.

I dare say, if it wasn't for the fact the predominant colour of the Canadian flag is red, we wouldn't see anything other than blue in these messages, and certainly don't go looking for orange in the ads. I don't spend a lot of time on government websites, but one I have bookmarked is the Environment Canada forecast for the Highlands. I usually drop by there a couple of times a day, more often if there is troubling weather in the offing. Over the years I have watched the page go through a blue wash transition to the point where again, the flag in the logo is the last speck of colour not part of the blue pallet.

Shaping the message to compliment the sender is nothing new. I am sure other governments have done the same thing. I am also sure there are some who would suggest the flag, adopted during a Liberal administration, is part of a conspiracy to paint the country red, the Liberal colour, and this latest blue rinse job is just part of the payback for that massive injustice.

Who knows?

In the meantime we can all join in the game of watching the government spend our money on TV ads that have little true informative value. And while you are at it, you can try to spot any colour that lies outside the blue spectrum.



By Jack Brezina

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Clarification

In the article 'Gooderham raises the bar with GeoTour' (The Highlander issue 179, pg. 12), both the headline and photo cutline indicate the GeoTour is a Gooderham initiative. In fact, as the article states, the tour spans all of Highlands East and its hamlets.

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Letters to the editor

Stop intrusive advertising

Dear editor,

Jack Brezina's March 26 column (Vertical litter, The Highlander issue 178, page 4) should be reprinted every week and nailed to the door of every chamber of commerce in the country.

Haliburton's greatest asset, by far, is the beauty of its natural environment. Advertising signs on river banks and roadsides are, of course, obscene. But looking decades into the future, the ubiquitous cell phone towers and wind

turbines are even more appalling. A visit to Denmark, Prince Edward County, the north shore of Lake Erie, should give us an idea of how Haliburton's scenery will be degraded by the government's pursuit of universal Wi-Fi and fraudulent green energy.

Protecting our natural beauty from intrusive advertising would be a great start.

Jack Bateman
Little Bob Lake

Accountability missing on sunshine list

Dear editor,

Here we go yet again.

The sunshine list, or portion thereof, was announced on the news and guess what the CEO of the Ontario Power Generation made last year? Over \$1.5 million plus benefits. The majority of upper crust civil servants made over the \$100,000 mark, and some with additional benefits in 2014. The reporter, somewhat sorry for our Ontario Liberal leader, commented she only makes just over \$200,000.

If I am to feel sorry for her, or any of those ripping off the public, I'm afraid I cannot. Ontarians making at or below the poverty line and those small businesses struggling to survive are the ones for whom we should feel badly. She and her Liberal cohorts should step forward and legislate parameters for these fat

cats, especially at the Hydro One level. Subsidizing Hydro costs for those lower income brackets and increasing costs to those in upper income brackets will not work and I can assure you there will be repercussions for the Liberal party.

If what I understand is correct, the debt retirement charge is to be eliminated, which is about time, however the Ontario Clean Energy benefit credit one receives is to be eliminated. No benefit to Ontarians that I can see. Premier Wynne preaches more control and accountability over expenditures and yet lets Hydro One, the Ontario Power Generation and numerous agencies associated with Hydro, run amok. Democracy and prosperity is not alive and well in my eyes.

Beverly MacDuff
Goodeham

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Warm spirits on a cold night

There I was flat on my back, wind knocked out of me, wondering just what had happened. I mean, one second I'd been wandering down the path chatting amiably to my lovely wife, and the next I was sailing through the air (for a split second) before crashing to the ground with a heavy 'whumph!'.
I took a moment, and then, when I could feel the air re-inflating my lungs properly, I rolled and leaned on one elbow. I looked around and then smiled.

"HAHA! Didn't spill a drop," I guffawed. My beer was still held high, the can top having been expertly kept upright and steady during my whole slip and fall routine.

"Instinct, that's what it is. Instinct," I continued, almost without taking a breath. "It's the evolution of man. First we learn how to walk. Then we learn how to make fire. Then we learn how to make alcoholic beverages. Then we learn what said beverages do to us and finally, and most importantly, we learn that when walking back from the firepit at the end of an evening, even if you do slip over you can still manage not to spill your beer. Evolution, in a nutshell!"
It all sounded very scientific, very anthropological at the time, but I could tell

from the look on my lovely wife's face that she didn't quite see it as I did. She saw it more as her darling husband having had one (or two) too many and making an ass of himself again as he stumbled up a friend's garden path in the dark.

I say making a fool of myself but I'm sure that she was simply judging my cockeyed take on evolution, not the athleticism of my no-spill slip and fall, for that was truly impressive. Or I'm told it was by the folks following us, who cheered wildly at my achievement.

Yes folks, spring is in the air and outdoor parties are happening again. This was my first bonfire of the season and a good one it was, too. The wood was piled high, the night bright with stars and a full moon. It was cold away from the glow of the fire but that made the huddle around the flames seem even more special.

We laughed and joked, chatted about everyday life and let the kids poke sticks into the fire. People shuffled this way and that as the breeze changed and the smoke did a merry dance, seeming to follow certain unlucky souls around the fire-pit.

I discussed birch-bark canoe-making with

a German; mechanical lift operation and whiskey drinking, although not at the same time, with a Scotsman; and with a Canadian, the fact that the beer I was drinking, thinking it quite exotic, was in fact very cheap and the choice of hobos out West.

We even got on to the topic of numjinthum (pronounced 'num-jin-thum').

Now, for those of you not familiar with numjinthum, I should explain its origins and potential for harm. While not particularly similar to Jujitsu or Taekwondo, it can do a lot of damage if not practiced by a master or those under the guidance of an experienced elder. And in the aforementioned German we had that experienced master.

First he noted the fact that there were several examples of numjinthum happening as we huddled around the bonfire, something that those untrained in the ways of numjinthum hadn't even noticed. He then, with a gulp of his gin and tonic, went on to school us in the ways of the art and how to avoid injury when practicing numjinthum.

It went something like this. "You will see that your drink-holding hand is positioned as such, grasping fingers facing towards the fire, while the thumb is wrapped around the rear of

your glass."

It seems that this is the first and only position in numjinthum.

"You'll also note," continued the German, "that as you stand and chat at the fire's edge your thumb is shaded from the fire's warmth by your drink. As the night progresses your thumb gets colder and colder until you realize that holding your gin has made your thumb rather numb. A classic case of numjinthum!"

We all fell about laughing. Those who did fall over made valiant attempts to not spill any of their beer, while those who remained vertical gently worked the feeling back into their numjinthums by holding them close to the fire.

And then, soon after, it was time to go in. And then it was time for me to do my little slip slide and give my speech on evolution.

A good night was coming to an end and we were all already looking forward to the next time we'd be partaking in that favourite Haliburtonian pastime of standing around a bonfire with wonderful friends, just shootin' the bull.

Photo of the week



Photo by Ray Stephenson

A family of deer goes for a stroll through the wilderness.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

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Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What is your favourite way to eat maple syrup?



Fred Bailey
Minden

On a big pile of pancakes, lots of butter and some bacon for sure. A real delight.



Gord O'Brien
Minden

On pancakes with lots of butter, some smoked bacon and a couple of eggs sunnyside up and still gooey. A truly wonderful way to enjoy it.



Joe Graham
Lochlin

My most favourite way is definitely on hot pan fried side pork. We pour it all over the almost cooked pork in a hot pan and let it caramelize. It is absolutely delicious.



Timothy Wisnieki
Gelert

We make our own maple syrup in Gelert and I always enjoy pouring a fresh batch of syrup on the snow to eat it like taffy. It is so good and reminds me of how our family has done it for generations.



Val Carr
Minden

I like it on pancakes with lots of butter and the real maple syrup. I also love maple syrup fudge. Maple syrup is just really good no matter how you eat it!

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Dysart economic development strategy in the works

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Members of Haliburton's business community brought their ideas forward and began laying the groundwork for a future economic development strategy at the Haliburton Curling Club on April 2.

About 80 people registered for the first Community Economic Development 101 workshop, hosted in partnership by Dysart et al and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

"I think it's great that we have such a good turnout," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, adding that it was nice to see so many local business owners in attendance.

"They're the ones we're trying to help," he said.

The free workshop was open to local residents, business owners, service providers and anyone interested in the future growth and development of the municipality.

Judy Coward, development advisor for OMAFRA, told participants that their input would be integral to the creation of an economic development strategy.

"It's exciting times," said Coward. "I know you're all here because you're interested and want to contribute to that initiative and that's why this meeting has been scheduled."

Coward, along with development advisor Heather Candler, provided information on community economic development and led group brainstorming exercises.

"As much as we all have ideas and projects that are extremely important, it's also very important to be cognizant of the fundamentals of economic development and how everything we do in economic development is intertwined," she said.

After introducing themselves, participants stated their reasons for attending the event.

"I've lived here for 40 years and I've got a real love for the county and I want to see it prosper," said Eric Thompson, co-owner of Moon Shadows Estate Winery and outgoing president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Some addressed their concerns for the future of the municipality.

"My very good friend Mr. [Andy] Glecoff is moving off the main street, and if we lose many more businesses off the main street we won't have a main street," said Don Popple, former owner of Curry Motors.

As someone who "sees a lot of numbers," chartered accountant Hugh Nichol said that since 2008 most small businesses haven't been doing well.

"Businesses have to make money or they're not going to employ people," said Nichol.

Nichol pointed out that other rural communities with a high senior population are facing a similar situation.

"There's a huge demographic change happening in our society. No disrespect for the seniors ... but they have a big impact [when] they spend or don't spend, and it's having a big impact on our community," he said.

Godfrey Tyler, owner of Waverly Brook Farm, expressed his frustration over the fact that the forestry sector continues to be ignored.

"We've got so many trees around here but nobody can see them," said Tyler. "Nobody sees that there's both a social and economic value of timber in Haliburton County. Until that attitude changes, we are going to continue to struggle because we don't know who we are."

According to information in the presentation, the goal of community economic development is to improve the well-being of a community through job creation, job retention, tax base growth and quality of life.

"There's a deep-seeded desire to see a wonderful quality of life and ongoing opportunities for development," said Coward.

An economic development strategy will attract investors, she said, and make it easier to obtain provincial funding.

"What that says to investors is... Dysart has

a plan and knows what they want to achieve, and how they're going to get there."

The input gathered through the group activities will help to develop the strategy and more opportunities for public consultation will be made available, with the next session taking place sometime in June.

The reeve and county warden sent a strong message by addressing the poor quality of customer service in the area.

"Customer service in our county and our municipality stinks," he said. "It literally stinks. We can all do better with that."

Fearrey said there are businesses that don't answer the phone, return messages and fail to deliver on their word.

"If you can't do the job say so and recommend somebody else. We've got a terrible reputation."

Fearrey told The Highlander that once the comments are summarized there should be two or three items "that stand out."

"We all heard through the election campaign that [economic development and job creation] was on everybody's mind," Fearrey said when asked why this is the right time to develop an economic development strategy.

A committee will be formed to support the development of the plan. For more information contact CAO Tamara Wilbee at 705-457-1740 or email twilbee@dysartetal.ca.



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Highlander arts

Local art history revealed in documentary

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Moviegoers attending the annual Doc(k) Day in Haliburton on April 11 will get a special sneak peek of a documentary with local flavour.

Painting the Wilderness of the Oxtongue: One River, One Lake, Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven, is director Bob Hilscher's exploration of the area's arts history. He will show a 20-minute preview of the full-length feature documentary.

It all came about four years ago on a flight to China, when Hilscher noticed an ad in the Globe & Mail's art section.

"There was this little black and white painting for sale," he said. "It was a painting done at Oxtongue Lake by a member of the Group of Seven [AJ Casson]. I'd never heard of such a thing, and that's what began it."

Hilscher's wife, Jean, grew up in Oxtongue Lake. He, as an outdoors person, spent a lot of time navigating the Oxtongue's waterways in his canoe. So he was surprised to find out that he recognized the location in the painting.

"With my wife and myself, I'd done a lot of canoeing and spent a lot of time in that river. I had no idea this was a place where a lot of

these famous artists had painted."

He was surprised to learn that works of art he had seen in the national gallery in Ottawa, such as Northern River and Red Maple, were done by other Group of Seven artists.

"I didn't know those had all been done on Oxtongue River," he said.

The documentary goes beyond naming the artists and their work.

"This documentary is about the art itself, and yes, where the art was done, what it took," Hilscher said.

"This was the first time we had Canadians going into the wilderness of Canada and documenting it. This was the first place Thomson went as a group to document Canadian landscape."

"This is important. This is where it begins."

Thomson inspired the Group of Seven, taught them to canoe and camp so they could go out into the wilderness and paint. Through his documentary, Hilscher hopes to inspire other young artists to do the same.

"We have a disjoint occurring with young people," he said. "I spend a lot of time in my work with members of many different park authorities ... everywhere I go, Ontario Parks is having a problem, just like Parks Canada, to get young people to leave their cellphones and computers behind and actually go out into the

wilderness and experience it."

He said the Group of Seven were artists in their 20s and 30s.

"Through this work, I'm hoping to encourage young people to not be afraid to canoe, not be afraid to go out there to experience it, to leave Toronto, to find the interest to go."

During his research, Hilscher travelled to Oxtongue Lake and met with members of the community. There he came across hand-painted post cards and correspondence between residents and members of the Group of Seven. He said many of these letters and cards may have been lost if he hadn't learned of their existence.

"This all could have just been washed away and it would have never been told to anyone," he said. "I think a lot of times this is what occurs. We came close on this one to not have it all brought together, and it all starts just because of a little black and white picture in a newspaper."

Painting the Wilderness of the Oxtongue: One River, One Lake, Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven, will show at 3 p.m. along with The World Before Her. The full film will premiere in Huntsville this fall.

Tickets for Doc(k) Day will be available at

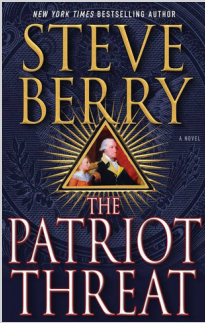


File photo

Director Bob Hilscher spoke during the opening of Oxtongue Lake's outdoor Tom Thomson and Group of Seven exhibit. the door at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Individual tickets are \$10, but full-day passes are available for \$25. For more information, visit haliburton-movies.com/dockday.html or call 705-286-3696.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *The Patriot Threat* by Steve Berry
2. *The Cavendon Women* by Barbara Taylor Bradford
3. *The Cheapside Corpse* by Susanna Gregory

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Humans 3.0: the upgrading of the species* by Peter Nowak
2. *Beyond Willpower: from stress to success in 40 days* by Alexander Loyd
3. *The Urban Homesteading Cookbook: forage, ferment, farm and feast for a better world* by Michelle Nelson

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

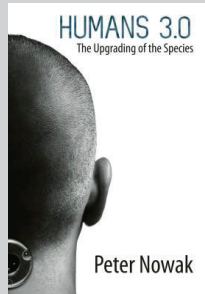
1. *We All Looked Up* by Tommy Wallach (YA)
2. *The Magic School Bus Presents: Insects* by Tom Jackson (JNF)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Unbroken* (DVD)
2. *Murder 101* by Faye Kellerman (Book on CD)

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Council/COTW

Public Welcome

April 30
Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am,
Minden Council Chambers

Public Skating at the S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Final dates of the season will be Sunday Apr 12th & Wednesday April 15th

From 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Fee - \$2.00 per participant - Helmets recommended

Volunteers Needed!

The Township of Minden Hills Youth Softball League is looking for

Coaches and Assistant Coaches

The league allows children, aged 3-17, the opportunity to participate in a team oriented activity, while encouraging personal growth and physical development. Most importantly though, it is a chance for them to have fun! None of which would be possible, without the help of volunteers.

Games are on Monday nights, from June 8th to August 10th.

No prior experience is necessary. Students! This is a great way to get your volunteer hours!

For more information please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-1936 x204 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Stars on Ice Rehearsals at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Canada's premier figure skating tour has brought together a superstar ensemble of Canada's most beloved skaters to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Investors Group Stars on Ice presented by Lindt.

Members of the tour, like Jeffrey Buttle, Patrick Chan, Kurt Browning, Joannie Rochette, Shawn Sawyer, Ashley Wagner, Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir, Kaitlyn Weaver & Andrew Poje, Meagan Duhamel & Eric Radford, will be rehearsing in Minden at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena!

The public is welcome to attend the rehearsals on the following days:

Tuesday April 21: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Wednesday April 22: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Meet some of the stars at 5:00 pm in the arena lobby
Thursday April 23: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Friday April 24: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Saturday April 25: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

For more information contact the Community Services department at 705-286-1936 x200

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Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Keith Shearsby Useful Things exhibition
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EarthDay

April 22 Earth Day at Nature's Place
Join us through the day for "We Love Earth". Tell your story through word or art. Start a butterfly/bee plant. See those who have made a big difference in helping to keep our earth green. Launch of the "Blue Dot" campaign ceremony starts at 4pm. Be a part of an historical event by signing the petition to ensure we have clean air, clean water and healthy food. Community cleanup will start at 6:30pm. Join us out front of Nature's Place for bags. Bring gloves. Take action for our earth!

Artisan Market at the Cultural Centre

Saturday mornings from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm there will be an Artisan Market on the Cultural Centre grounds.

Season starts June 20 and runs rain or shine until Sept. 5.

Cost for space is only \$10 per market day.

We are asking for hand crafted items (by the vendor) only.

Contact Elisha at 705-286-1936 x204 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca for more information.

Junior Highlanders



Photos by Ben Davis

Above: Brianne Pockett (left), Judi Paul, Sarah Hudson, and Samantha Savard sold baked goods on April 2 at HHSS. Right: Naomi Russell paints Ben Carriere's face blue.

Going blue for autism

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Different is not less.

That's the less Lisa Phillips, a Grade 5-6 teacher at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH), is teaching her students.

"Even though people have different character traits, different ways that they think or ways that they do things, they're not any less than someone who doesn't have an autism diagnosis," she said.

Leading up to Autism Awareness Day on April 2, Phillips taught her students about the condition, what it means, and how kids who have autism behave.

"[We are] talking about the stigma that is attached to autism," he said. "People feel perhaps it's contagious, or something you just get ... there's no complete understanding of what it is. We educated ourselves on it being complex differences in the brain."

Phillips brought in a student from Cardiff Elementary School who wrote a book called 'My sister has autism and that's ok', when she was six years old. The girl visited JDH classes to talk about how autism impacted her family,

and what it means for her sister.

"It opened up a lot of discussion in classes from Grade 4 to 8," said Phillips. "You could have come in and heard a pin drop in the Grade 8 class that day."

Autism is very common in schools across the school boards, she said.

"It's very prevalent. I know for a fact every school in the county, if not the board, has at least one student with autism."

The condition is different from a physical disability because you can't necessarily see it, and that makes it hard to understand. Phillips expects the students at her school to change the way they deal with autistic students.

"Not only will we see a difference in how they interact with someone with autism, but we'll see a difference in how our kids interact with anyone at the school," she said. "Everyone is different, and that's ok."

In the winter, JDH raised over \$500 through an elf drive, where students volunteered to do good deeds within the school. That money was donated to Autism Ontario. In recognition of the donation, the school received an autism awareness flag.

They raised the flag on April 2.



Over at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), the hallway was lit blue and faces were painted as a way to recognize the day.

Brianne Pockett, an education assistant with HHSS, spearheaded the school's participation in Light It Up Blue, a global campaign to raise awareness of autism on April 2. She, along with teacher Judi Paul and the practical academics and life skills (PALS) class, raised money for Autism Ontario, and to support local community activities and initiatives for autistic students.

"This is the second year at [HHSS] that we've really tried to bring the event into the school and help raise awareness to our students," she said.

Fundraisers included collection jars in classrooms, a bake sale, Light It Up Blue key

chains that were made at the school, ticket sales for a prize table, and incentives for hitting fundraising goals. If they raised at least \$1,200, school principal Dan Marsden agreed to have his legs waxed.

Altogether, the school raised \$1,255.

Pockett said raising awareness of autism can only benefit the students at HHSS.

"There are students here with autism," he said. "Any school-wide event that highlights an issue is good for raising awareness both within our school community, and the great community at large. Our PALS class, which has students with autism in it, were part of the fundraising team."

"We feel that our goal to raise awareness has been met, as well as creating a positive atmosphere around the topic of autism."

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Highlander life

Workshops aim to remove barriers to happiness

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The challenges facing adults today aren't quite the same as they were decades ago.

In an effort to help 30 to 55-year-olds overcome some of the obstacles that might be making their lives difficult, local resident Norm Thomas is bringing a series of five-week workshops to Minden this month.

"The challenge for this age group is how do you juggle your personal lives in the midst of all this complexity?" said Thomas, founder of

Juggling the Journey. "My vision was that if these adults came together that eventually they would find a common language to talk to one another about their life challenges."

Thomas, a retired United Church minister, came up with this concept after reading a sociological study titled "Lost in Transition." What he found was that parents in the 30 to 55-year-old age bracket are "disconnected from their parents."

"People who are 55 and older have lived through a time when there was lots of works," he explained. "They have been successful, they have retired and they expect

their children to follow in their path. But the opportunities for careers are not as available to parent-age adults as it was [then]."

Thomas launched the program in 2012, with a goal to host two series per year. The response since then has exceeded his expectations.

"We've had a good response to it. We thought if we had 10 people we'd be successful. We've had more than that," he said.

The upcoming series is designed to enable the participants to reflect on their current life situation. Along with Thomas, there are three

workshop leaders who are skilled in group dynamics, personal growth and community development.

"It's a process and it encourages individuals to identify the blocks in their lives which prevent them from moving ahead," he said.

The series is supported by the Minden United Church, which is where each workshop is being held.

The series starts on April 13 and finishes May 11. Each workshop is on a Monday between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

For more information or to register call Thomas at 705-754-5857.

Through my eyes Accomplishments



By Austin McGillion

I know not everyone wants to hear about my everyday life, but I am so excited about this that I just want to share.

As of today, Tuesday, I have sent Mirabeau, my computer, off to begin a much-needed upgrade. After setting a goal to save the required money for the repairs by May, I actually met my goal by March 31 and today I drove her to Solid State to begin the major overhaul.

First off, many people may be a little creeped out by the fact that I have named my computer. Don't worry. People can name their cars and it's perfectly reasonable, some gamers name their rigs (computer set-ups) to make it feel more personal and less like an object.

Why do people get new parts for their trucks or cars? Because they respect their vehicles, want to look after them, and want them to be of the highest possible quality. Why do male and female gamers get new parts for their computer? To respect their rig and to run programs at the highest qualities possible. This upgrade will allow me to revisit gaming favourites that have received massive overhauls themselves.

Raising the money to fund this project was long and grueling, month after month saving as much as was reasonably possible to finally achieve the goal. Much of our younger years will consist of struggling to save money for things we want. We must

ask ourselves is what we saved for worth it?

The computer can run programs and games well into 30-40 years from now and for me, that's worth something. My computer will be a valued assistant in college in completing assignments and increasing productivity. So tonight or tomorrow I will dive back into the darkest depths of sanctuary, outland, and countless other worlds of my gaming life. This is my first computer to ever run things at an extremely high quality and it brings a tear to my eye. It is the simple fact that I can experience something so rewarding for all my hard work.

So is all my hard work and sacrifices, so I can have an upgraded computer or go out for dinner sometimes, worth it? Absolutely! We work for the things we need and the things we want. We alone decide how far to push the boundaries of our limits to achieve massive accomplishments. The more we accomplish the bigger the sense of fulfillment we feel.

So enjoy yourselves fellow workers, enjoy your big projects and your overwhelming dreams for, given the opportunity, you can conquer giants! What I accomplished is a minuscule achievement on the face of a massive world, but I still feel great. Rise to accomplish your aspirations and dreams.



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Highlander life

Remembering a devoted family man and citizen

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Many remember Shawn Hagerman as a well-respected businessman who made numerous appearances in several Highlands Little Theatre productions.

But to his family, Shawn was a nurturing soul who took every chance he could to express his love and appreciation for those closest to him.

"He was really kind, really compassionate, gentle," recalled Shawn's youngest daughter, Abby. "He was a very genuinely caring person."

March 27 started like any other ordinary day. Shawn got in a morning workout and was supposed to drop by Abby's newly opened business – a yoga studio – in Haliburton later that evening for an event.

However, that afternoon he passed away at the age of 66 during a nap at his home on Cranberry Lake.

Shawn accomplished many things over the course of his lifetime. After graduating from Queen's University he ran group homes in Haliburton County with his future wife, Dianne.

"Just barely adults themselves, they assumed the role of loving 'parents' to countless children and teenagers," wrote Abby in an excerpt from a eulogy to her father.

"Even in his practice round, Dad did a remarkable job."

He cherished time spent with his family,

including on camping, canoeing and skiing trips.

"He always appreciated the moment," said Abby.

Shawn spent a majority of his career working in life insurance as an agent with Mutual Life (now Sun Life Financial) and the Chamber of Commerce.

Curtis Eastmure was a close friend of Shawn's for 35 years. He was also his business partner at Sun Life. Curtis first met Shawn in his previous career as a local innkeeper.

"We were holding a 30th birthday party for a friend," he recalled. "The Hagermans came to that birthday party and that's where we first met them."

The two became close friends and in 1993 Shawn convinced Curtis to join him in business.

"When I realized that the innkeeping business wasn't part of my future, Shawn sort of counselled me and said, 'Why don't you come join me? I need some help,'" he said.

"He convinced me to go into it and I never looked back."

Curtis said Shawn was extremely passionate about life insurance and that passion rubbed off on him.

"He was my mentor. Whenever I had a question I needed answered he was there."

Outside of the office, the two went fishing together, skiing and shared the stage with Highlands Little Theatre.

"He was good," said Curtis, referring to Shawn's acting abilities. "I'll never forget that



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The late Shawn Hagerman, right, with his wife Dianne.

classic role that he and Mike Jaycock did in *You Can't Take It With You*."

Shawn played the role of a tax investigator in last year's production.

Curtis said that throughout his career, Shawn "quietly affected the lives of hundreds of people through the products he sold and the conversations he had with people to protect their families by buying life insurance."

One of his most recent memories of spending time with Shawn was on a ski trip in Vermont just a week before he died. After two knee replacements, Shawn was getting back into the swing of things, said Curtis.

"I said, 'Shawn, you're carving those turns

again. You're overtop of your skis, it's really looking good. You're getting your ski legs back.' He says, 'Yeah, I'm setting myself up for next season.'"

Curtis said Shawn's passing has left a hole in his heart.

"I've lost a business partner and mentor, but more than that I've lost a very close friend," he said.

At his funeral, Abby encouraged those who knew her father to share their stories with the family. It's those memories that help them smile during the difficult times.

"It's beautiful when people want to reach out and share a bit of their stories," she said.

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1:00 PM - 83 min

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3:00 PM - 90 min

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6:30 PM - 114 min

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Highlander sports



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From left, Ward 1 Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts, CAO Tamara Wilbee, Reeve Murray Fearrey, Ward 5 Councillor and team coach Walt McKechnie, team owner Stephane Laveault, Ward 2 Councillor Derek Knowles and Clerk Cheryl Coulson.

Wolves 'here for years to come'

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announced that Dysart Councillor Walt McKechnie will join the team as head coach for the 2015/15 season.

"We have a lot of guys who play Junior A, even OHL [Ontario Hockey League], who want to play one more year. They come to the league a lot," said Laveault, who also recently purchased a team in Bobcaygeon.

Players are often recruited from Europe and the U.S.

Laveault is looking at doing at camp at A.J. LaRue Arena by the end of the month to scope out potential talent. He would like to include some local players on the team.

"We'll take as many local kids as we can," he said.

Laveault said that in this league spectators can expect to see fast, clean hockey.

The season is expected to start in the first week of September, but Laveault hopes to offer some pre-season games before that. The Wolves will play 42 regular season games, 21 of which will be held in Haliburton.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said this

will be the start of a good thing for the municipality.

"We're excited to have them here," said Fearrey. "I think it's an opportunity for people to see a little better quality of hockey."

Since the players will live in the community, Fearrey said that would create an economic spin-off.

"They have to buy hockey sticks, they have to eat and they have to stay in the community," he said.

Fearrey pointed out that Laveault paid to have some minor renovations made to one of the arena's dressing rooms and that an arrangement has been reached for ice rentals.

Laveault said he intends to maintain a long-term partnership with the municipality.

"I don't want to be here for one year. If we're going to do something let's do it right, and let's be here for many years to come."

For more information visit wolvesjrahockey.com.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team is asked to contact team staff as soon as possible.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, March 30

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 211
High single: Claude Cote – 239
High single handi: Robert Terro – 273
High triple: Claude Cote – 667
High triple handi: Robert Terro – 748

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 173
High single: Norma Terro – 241
High single handi: Norma Terro – 303
High triple: Norma Terro – 590
High triple handi: Norma Terro – 776

Monday night, March 30

Men: High avg: Rick West – 203
High single: Doug Reinwald – 239
High single handi: Rick Wilson – 264
High triple: Doug Reinwald – 632
High triple handi: Doug Reinwald & Gary Carter – 698

Women: High avg: Cathy Snell – 219
High single: Marnie Couture & Jenn Wilson – 204
High single handi: Jenn Wilson – 282
High triple: Cathy Snell – 576
High triple handi: Jenn Wilson – 676

Tuesday afternoon, April 1

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 215
High single: Claude Cote – 274

High single handi: Claude Cote – 283
High triple: Claude Cote – 718
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 745

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 179
High single: Chris Cote – 222
High single handi: Chris Cote – 260
High triple: Chris Cote – 601
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 715

Wednesday Special Olympics, March 25

Men: Russell Whetstone – 155
Jason Cochrane – 155
Brent Leffering – 152

Women: Buddy Plouffe – 177
Skylar Pratt – 143
Dawn Piercey – 128

Thursday, April 2

Men: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 179
High single: Gord Shirran – 225
High single handi: Gord Shirran – 275
High triple: Gerry Wagg – 601
High triple handi: Gerry Wagg – 715

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Members of Haliburton's three curling teams, from left (back to front row): Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, Mackenzie Tidey, Ania Smolen, Destiny Wilson, Emma Casey, Holly Parish, Micah Aldom, Savannah Byers, Jessica Byers, Corin Gervais, Hannah Lewis and Bella Smolen.

JDH students win medals at Timbits bonspiel

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A few young curlers returned home with some hardware after this year's Timbits Provincial Curling Championship in Gananoque. The 28th annual event took place from April 1-4.

Three local teams consisting of 13 students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School participated in the bonspiel, which included 64 teams from across Ontario.

"They all got to curl six games, making the playoffs and making it to the final round," said Bob MacNaull, team coach and convenor of the youth program.

"We're duly impressed."

The team consisting of Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, Jessica Byers, Mackenzie Tidey and Destiny Wilson won bronze for finishing third in the "A" event.

"They were one win away from winning the whole thing," said MacNaull.

The team ended up with five wins and one loss.

With four wins and two losses, the second group came first in the "F" event and also

received medals. Players included Emma Casey, Ania Smolen, Hannah Lewis and Corin Gervais.

The five-person team received medals with a first place finish in the "E" event. They had four wins and two losses. The group included Jonah Aldom, Holly Parish, Micah Aldom, Bella Smolen and Savannah Byers.

In addition to MacNaull, the other volunteer coaches included Aggie Tose and Terry Lawrence.

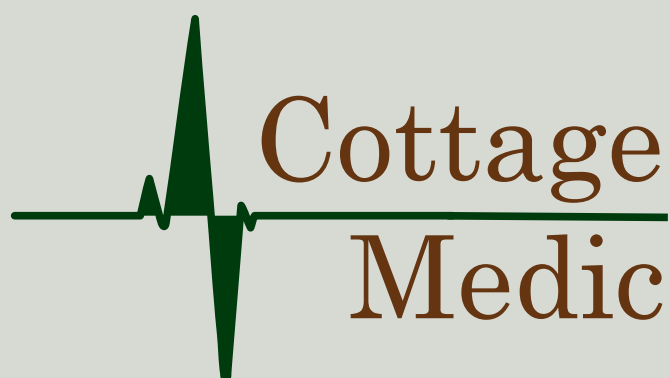
"When you're having fun, it doesn't matter who wins," wrote MacNaull in a letter to the paper. "That's the main goal in Timbits curling. And along with making a lot of new friends, kids learn some valuable life lessons and discover a love for the game of curling."

MacNaull said the commitment of the players, their parents and the coaches equaled success this year. Entering a few bonspiels prior to the provincial championship also gave each team a feel for what to expect.

"They were able to focus on the curling when it was time to curl and they got good results," he said.



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5. Among

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16. Avoid

17. Bridge position

18. Absent

19. Keepsake

20. Toy racer (2 wds.)

22. Tolerant of delay

24. Loaf end

26. Gave lunch to

27. MTV feature

31. Land measure

33. Kickoff device

36. Sure to happen

39. Crustacean

40. Guided

41. Separate
43. Appendages

44. Famed consumer advocate (2 wds.)

46. Distress call

47. Dealer's car

48. Not active

49. French preposition

50. Fair (hyph.)

53. Craftsperson

57. Singer Frank _____

62. Pioneer Daniel _____

63. Circle sections

65. Muffin type

66. Zealous

67. Partiality

68. Dryer residue

69. Brainy

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71. Oxen's harness

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4. Actor Brad _____

5. Pond growth

6. Actor Roger _____

7. Hostel

8. Not shallow

9. Sofa

10. Elude

11. Huron, e.g.

12. Paradise

13. Forwarded

21. Church singers

23. Once more

25. Science rm.

27. Passport endorsements

28. Preface

29. Believes

30. December 24 and 31

32. Paper fastener
33. Vocation

34. Devourer

35. Reviewer Roger _____

37. India's Mother _____

38. Eden resident

39. Scottish family

42. Leek's kin

45. _____ Angeles

47. Sahara, e.g.

49. Roadside eatery

51. Hollywood award

52. Coward

53. Fortas and Lincoln

54. Ramble

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56. Apprehends

58. Competently

59. Three musicians

60. Military grade

61. Opening wager

64. Pull apart

APRIL 2015 EVENTS			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00	Babysitter Training Course – Pre Registration deadline 705-457-2989/705-286-1770 Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00 Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00 Fish & Fowl Feast – Gooderham Community Centre – 5:00 pm-8:00 pm \$20 pp Flying Group – Dorset Rec Centre – 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00 Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45 pm-8:45 pm Cook it up – Baked & Battered – 11:00 am-3:00 pm Baby Massage – Minden OEYC – 10:00 am-11:00 am	Enviro-Café – Blue Dot Campaign – Minden United Church – 7:30 pm Urban/Nordic Pole walking - in front of Rails End Gallery - 10:00 am-11:30 am Flying Group – Dorset Rec Centre – 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Walking Wednesdays - Rails End Gallery - 9:30 am-11:00 am Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00 Dorset African Hand Drumming - Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00 am–11:00 am	Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00 Canadian Federation of University Women – Fleming College – Speaker: Carol Moffatt – 7:00 pm
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WHAT’S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION APR 9 - APR 15, 2015			
Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month The Country Hot Flashes, April 18 4-7 p.m. \$5 cover.	Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Liver lover’s special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant	Wilberforce Branch Community Support Services 55+ lunch, Friday noon, call 705-448-2868 Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. General meeting, Tuesday, nominations Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike
Above: Kids line up to collect their prizes. Top left: Rob Dillane helps his two-year-old son Michael find some eggs on a vehicle. Centre: Harper Hamilton holds an egg she just found. Top right: The Easter Bunny does a dance.

Easter fun at Curry Motors

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Curry Motors delivered surprises and treats to children and families at the first-ever Easter Egg Hunt on April 6. About 300 people, including 147 registered kids, gathered at the local car dealership to find 10 empty plastic eggs which they then exchanged for a kite and goodie bag filled with treats. A total of 2,000 eggs were hidden on the property, including on vehicles in the parking lot. A few special eggs contained an

offer for a free car wash or oil change. Other attractions included face painting, photos with the Easter Bunny and an interactive balloon performance provided by Razberry the Clown. The event was free-of-charge courtesy of Bill and Julie Campbell, owners of Curry Motors. However, donations were accepted for Canadian Tire's Jumpstart charity. Just over \$100 was raised. Event organizer Cheryl Smith said the intention is make the Easter Egg Hunt an annual event.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Maple Syrup Festival a tasty success in Highlands East

Hundreds of people from across Haliburton County stopped in at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce for the annual Maple Syrup Festival. Highlands East firefighters cooked up the pancakes and sausages that visitors devoured throughout the day on April 4. There was also a craft sale, colouring contest, and maple syrup display. Pictured above: Mazie Watson met the Easter Bunny during the Maple Syrup Festival. Mazie was visiting her grandparents, along with the rest of the Watson family, for Easter. Top right: The Lloyd Watson Centre was full to capacity. Bottom right: Grace Tottan, Madi Cecconi, and Ashleigh Gray participate in the colouring contest.

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NOTICE



NOTICE

Adoption of 2015 Budget

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2015 Municipal Budget. Notice is hereby provided that a public meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 1101 Holmes Road, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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Fax: (705) 448-2532
E-mail: sstocraig@highlandseast.ca

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Thursday, April 16th, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
INTERVIEW AND PRACTICAL TEST WILL BE REQUIRED.

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for candidate selection purposes only.

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EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS STROKE SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 a.m. to noon. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. to noon. (TFN)

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EVENTS

CARP Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, May 3, 2015, 12:00-3:00 pm, Haliburton Legion Call 705-457-3919 or www.carp.ca/haliburton for info.

OBITUARIES



Gisella 'Gigi' Sgroi

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at home on Wednesday morning, March 25, 2015 in her 43rd year. Loving daughter of George and Sylvia Claridge and Anita and Frank Sgroi. Dear sister of Nancy Bull (Dave), Linda Davison (Eric), Brian Claridge (Caroline), Doug Claridge (Holly), Ermi Dibuono (Joe), Mary Quattrociocchi, and Tony Sgroi. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Gigi loved music, especially Christmas music; dancing and spending time with family and friends.

Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to a Celebration of Gigi's Life at ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 25 St. Peter's Road, Maple Lake, Ontario on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers or Community Living Haliburton County would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, ON 705-457-9209



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Beverley 'Bev' Bacon

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

It is with heavy hearts that the family announce Bev's passing at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday morning, April 4, 2015 in her 72nd year. Beloved wife of Lyle. Loving mother of Susan Gibb, Ted Parish (Karen), Murray Parish (Kim), Sarah Parish; Trudy Bacon, Sandy Bacon. Cherished grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Predeceased by her parents Hubert and Ruth Alton. Bev had a very caring heart and her door was always open to help people who needed a place to stay or a home cooked meal.

Private Family Gathering

As per Bev's wishes, a private family gathering has taken place. As expression of sympathy, donations to the HHSF - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.



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Curtis 'Curt' Rhora

(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Suddenly at home on Wednesday evening, March 25, 2015 in his 65th year. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Brayden (Emily). Cherished grandfather of Kathleen and James. Dear brother of Cathy Fletcher (John), Robert Fletcher and Brian Fletcher. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Predeceased by his parents Clifford and Freda Rhora and step-father Orval Fletcher. Curt enjoyed cars, woodworking, spending time with family and friends.

Visitation & Private Memorial Service

Friends may call at EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH 24 Churchill Circle, Simcoe, Ontario, on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 6 - 8 p.m. A Private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Ontario Lung Association would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.



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The ideal applicant will possess a post-secondary education or equivalent work related experience in Public Administration or a related field plus a minimum of three (3) years' experience in progressively responsible related positions within a municipality. Completion of the Municipal Administration Program Officer or be willing to complete within a designated period of time is preferred. Salary will commensurate with experience and skills.

Detailed Position Descriptions can be obtained by contacting the Administrative Assistant at 705-286-1260 ext. 313 or at sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00:00 noon, local time, Friday April 24, 2015 to:

Employment Opportunity – Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Clerk's Office, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne St, PO Box 359
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Attention: Shannon Prentice, Administrative Assistant

Fax: 705-286-4917 - Email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca - Website: www.mindenhills.ca

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**.

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April 12, 2015 2:00 pm
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What's on



File photos

Other shows this season included James Hill (left), Where The Wild Things Are (right) , and The Masked Messenger.

Razzamataz goes to Africa for final show

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Children and parents are invited on a trip to Africa with Razzamataz Kids' Shows.

On April 12, the organization wraps its 2014-15 season with 'Baobab', a story about a young boy who is born from the egg produced by an old Baobab tree in Africa. In an area that has been hit hard by draught, this boy holds the key to the region's survival.

In a press release, writer and director Helene Ducharme says music is a big part of the play, which is why it was important to use traditional African instruments such as the kora (a 21-string lute/harp) and djembe (drum).

She said the message of the play is that children are important.

"[They are] important in the community, for the community, and for the well-being of the community," Ducharme said.

At the end of the play, Ducharme hopes both

the parents and children are happy and feel the possibilities of what they can bring to their community.

"There is hope for our world if we are all together," she said. "[I also hope] they feel like they had a wonderful trip to Africa, but it's more inside of them than what was on the stage."

The play marks the end of this year's season, which included four performances. It opened with 'Where The Wild Things Are', followed by James Hill and Anne Janelle's 'All Aboard

the Uekele Train', and most recently, 'The Masked Messenger.'

Baobab includes music, puppetry, masks and interesting storytelling.

The opens at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door for adults and \$6 for kids. Children under two get in for free.

For more information, visit razzamataz.ca, or contact Carolyn Alder at carolynalder@yahoo.ca.

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